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The nomination period begins each spring and ends in the fall for membership terms beginning September 15 for the Judicial Council and November 1 for most advisory committees; terms of service for task force members vary. Nomination forms for the Judicial Council and advisory committees are available on the California Courts Web site.

Occasional vacancies occur during the year. The advisory committees' roles and responsibilities are described in the California Rules of Court, which also list the membership categories for each committee. If you would like to be considered for any vacancies, you may submit information about yourself on the interest card at [www.courtinfo.ca.gov/courtadmin/jc/nomform.htm](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/courtadmin/jc/nomform.htm).



## New Appointments to Council Committees

Chief Justice Ronald M. George appointed 46 new members to fill vacancies on 13 of the Judicial Council's specialized advisory committees. The new appointees include justices, judges, commissioners, court administrators, and attorneys.

Chief Justice George also made the initial appointments to the council's newest committee, the Advisory Committee on Civil Jury Instructions. The committee is charged with (1) regularly reviewing case law and statutes that affect jury instructions and (2) making recommendations to the council for updating, amending, and adding topics to the council's new plain-language civil jury instructions, which went into effect September 1, 2003.

The members of the Judicial Council's advisory committees volunteer their time and expertise to study issues of judicial administration. Vacancies are filled annually through a nomination and selection process designed to attract qualified applicants from throughout the state's legal system. Diversity of experience, diversity of backgrounds, and diversity of geographical locations are among the guiding criteria for selection of members.

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DEC 11–13	Conference of State Court Administrators Midyear Conference, San Antonio
JAN 18–21	Conference of Chief Justices and Conference of State Court Administrators Annual Meeting, San Francisco
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DEC 9	Proposition 36, Southern Symposium, Irvine
DEC 11	Proposition 36, Northern Symposium, Sacramento
JAN 25–30	Continuing Judicial Studies Program: Winter Session, Burlingame

### Court Management

DEC 11	Train-the-Trainer Workshop for Managers and Supervisors, Salinas
DEC 18	Train-the-Trainer Workshop for Managers and Supervisors, San Jose
JAN 7	Managing @ Court: Critical Thinking, San Francisco
JAN 8	Managing @ Court: Conflict Management, Sacramento
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JAN 30	Management University: Managing Diversity, Sacramento
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FEB 18	Managing @ Court: Creating a Motivational Environment, San Francisco
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FEB 23–24	Management University: Interactive Strategies for Trainers, Burbank
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FEB 27	Leadership Expedition, Session I: The Meaning of Leadership, Burbank

### Orientation

DEC 8–12	New Judge Orientation, San Francisco
JAN 12–16	New Judge Orientation, San Francisco
FEB 23–27	New Judge Orientation, San Francisco

### Computer Classes

JAN 22–23	Computer Class for Judges, Los Angeles
FEB 26–27	Computer Class for Judges, San Francisco

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JAN 20	Labor and Employee Relations Regional Forum (Bay Area/Northern Coastal Region), teleconference
JAN 27	Labor and Employee Relations Regional Forum (Southern Region), teleconference
JAN 29	Labor and Employee Relations Regional Forum (Northern/Central Region), teleconference

### Self-Help

DEC 11–12	Training for Pilot Self-Help Centers, San Francisco
FEB 18–20	Conference on Using Technology to Expand Access to Justice, San Francisco

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